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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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KOKUBUN et al.

Art Unit: 2612

Application No.: 10/055,901

Examiner: VIEAUX, Gary

Filed: January 28, 2002

Attorney Dkt. No.: 024014-00003

For: X-Y ADDRESS TYPE SOLID-STATE IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: November 4, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2005, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Claims 9, 11 and 12 of Species IV, drawn to Fig. 6, with Claim 1 being generic to all species. This election is made **without traverse**. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is noted that Claim 1 is generic to all species. Accordingly, Applicants, upon the allowance of generic Claim 1, retain the right to request rejoinder of the claims directed to the non-elected species as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141. Furthermore, Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

In the prosecution of the application identified above, it is respectfully requested that the amendment to Claim 11 to change the dependency thereof be considered.